

Violent Crime Coordinating Council (VCCC) 4/8/2015 Meeting Minutes--DRAFT

Members present: Tracy Perzel (for Andy Luger); David Voigt; John Gross; Richard Dusterhoft; Rob Thomasser (for Thomas Smith); Medaria Arradondo (for Janee Harteau); Mike Goldstein; Andy Bohlen; Pete Dietzman (for Rich Stanek); Rich Clark (for Matt Bostrom); Brent Lindgren; Brian Mueller (for William Hutton); Jared Rosati; Cari Gerlicher; Melvin Carter; Steven Day and Drew Evans.

Members absent: David Hermerding; Hector Garcia and Sia Her.

DPS Staff: Brian Marquart and Kristin Lail.

Guests: Jon Rykeley from the Drug Enforcement Administration, Diversion Program.

Meeting materials:

- VCCC 4/8/15 agenda
- 2/11/15 draft meeting minutes
- 4/8/15 Statewide Commander Report
- 2008-2014 Statewide VCET Data
- Marijuana Wax Fact Sheet

Location: Minnesota Department of Corrections, Pung Conference Room.

Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was convened at 10:10 am by Chair Mike Goldstein who noted that a quorum was present.

M/S/P (Rosati/Mueller) to approve meeting minutes from 2/11/15.

M/S/P (Rosati/Evans) to approve the 4/8/15 agenda.

Standing Committee Updates

Governance Committee: Mike Goldstein summarized a recent meeting with Representative Pinto regarding legislation on human trafficking investigation and prosecution, which initially referenced the VCCC as an oversight mechanism. After listening and responding to feedback from stakeholders including the Chiefs' and Sheriffs' associations, the Gerald Vick Task Force and DPS, the legislation will likely be redrafted with 1) a study group to examine the issue, 2) funding for pilot multijurisdictional projects, and 3) funding for additional BCA agents in coordination with the larger BCA funding bill. Drew Evans noted that the study group may not be included in the final bill and noted that law enforcement officers were encouraged to attend the hearings.

Goldstein next reviewed the proposed forfeiture bill which required reporting of expenditures by category and limitation on how funds could be spent, most notably the exclusion of personnel. VCCC members were encouraged to work with their professional organization to provide feedback on these proposals. Evans suggested the reporting provisions may go forward without the spending limitations. The County Attorney's Association is involved in these negotiations.

Goldstein also highlighted U.S. Department of Justice changes to federal forfeiture provisions which will have a significant impact on DEA and other federal law enforcement partners.

Community Engagement Subcommittee: Cari Gerlicher reported on the third meeting of the North St. Paul/Maplewood roundtable which included about a dozen law enforcement representatives and community members. She noted that they have connected with a youth event at an area high school and the next meeting is scheduled for April 30th. Melvin Carter observed the meetings provide a forum for constructive listening and problem solving, noting that Maplewood Chief Paul Schnell provided examples of building trust and fostering positive relationships in the community. Gerlicher said they have discussed incremental expansion to invite more community involvement. Steven Day highlighted a similar model used when the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department was created in coordination with the Cass County Sheriff's office and tribal community members. Goldstein asked about long-term plans for the roundtables and whether additional follow-up would occur in other VCET areas. Kristin Lail commented that the VCET was the convener for the initial meetings but that ownership could be shifted to local agencies as unique local issues are discussed and addressed.

Data Committee: Drew Evans summarized the past use of the Gang Net system to collect individual gang criteria and collate data and Gang Pointer File which continues to be maintained at BCA for those with three or more verified gang criteria. The revised gang criteria were developed by the VCCC with community input and the BCA has designated a module of the Fusion Center data base for collecting and documenting gang submissions. With a grant from the Office of Justice Programs, BCA has hired a gang analyst to provide training and technical assistance to local law enforcement to submit gang data to the state information system. He reported that very few submissions have been received and recommended that the collection of individual gang criteria and collation of data from multiple sources be discontinued. He noted that BCA would continue to maintain and audit the confidential Gang Pointer file which could be populated with new submissions if the local agency documents three or more gang criteria.

The Statewide Gang and Drug Coordinator hosted a meeting with gang investigators from Hennepin, Minneapolis, Ramsey, St. Paul, DOC and BCA to discuss submissions to the state gang data system. Concerns were raised about the criteria being public until three were accumulated so it could be moved to the Gang Pointer File. There were also concerns about the duplication of effort inputting the data and limited access through the BCA control desk. Local agencies were also looking for commitment from others before starting the submission process. BCA has since received a few solid submissions from those metro agencies. Cari Gerlicher thought the OJP meeting generated interest and requested another 60 days before discontinuing the state gang criteria collection process. Evans noted that when the grant ends the gang analyst would continue at BCA and could support the Gang Pointer File when three or more criteria are documented by one local agency

After a discussion of the concerns and limitations for the state gang data system and its use in prosecutions for the benefit of the gang, Goldstein recommended discussing plans for discontinuation of the data system with the DPS Commissioner.

M/S/P (Gerlicher/Day) Motion to observe progress in gang criteria submissions to the Fusion Center for sixty days and reevaluate possible discontinuation of the Gang Data System maintained by BCA.

Professional Standards Committee: Cari Gerlicher welcomed new VCCC members to the committee and noted that they would be reviewing site visit reports through the summer as the Statewide Commander completes them. Brian Marquart reported that there were two internal affairs investigations reported by VCETs that were reviewed by the committee. One was not sustained and the other was sustained, resulting in disciplinary action. Upon inquiries for more details on these cases, the Statewide

Coordinator clarified that he was not involved in the investigations, but was notified when they occurred and received the final report once completed. Only limited public data is shared with the VCCC.

LUNCH BREAK

Drug Enforcement Administration Diversion Program

Jon Ryckley provided an overview of the DEAs efforts to prevent and investigate the diversion of pharmaceuticals and listed chemical for illegal use. He highlighted several significant cases involving pharmacies, pain clinics and multi-state smuggling resulting in federal prosecutions. Outreach efforts include medical prescribers, pharmacists, and local law enforcement. He recommended changes to the Minnesota Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) for mandatory reporting from all prescribers and maintenance of the data for a longer period, noting examples from other states. Additional information can be found on their website <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/>

Statewide Gang and Drug Commander Update

Brian Marquart provided a summary of VCET training and technical assistance activities for the past two months including the Red Lake Gang and Drug Summit, Midwest Gang Investigators and VCET Commanders training. Senator Klobuchar's staff visited the Northwest Metro and Hennepin VCETs and DPS coordinated a press conference on Marijuana Wax. VCET grant extensions will be pending this fall upon completion of statewide coordinator site visits and administrative desk reviews.

M/S/P (Day/Bohlen) Motion to Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at the Minnesota Department of Corrections. A presentation on the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children will be planned.